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The Honorable
Eni F.H. Faleomavaega
Chairman, House Sub-Committee on Asia and the Pacific
2422 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-5201

Dear Sir:

I have followed with sadness the distressing developments shown recently on the news channels regarding the massive tsunami that has struck your home islands of American Samoa causing numerous loss of lives and a great deal of suffering among the islanders.

On behalf of my staff, and in my own behalf, may I offer our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to you and the people of the Islands of Samoa on account of the suffering that they are enduring at this time.

We, Indonesians, understand all too well the situation now being faced in Samoa and share in your pain and suffering, as we are being reminded of our own Tsunami in December of 2004. Even at this writing we, too, are experiencing a massive earthquake that is spreading disaster on the island of Sumatra and exacting upon us a very heavy human toll.

May we join you in your prayers to God Almighty for mercy to those who have lost their lives, and for strength and fortitude to those who have to continue in the face of nature's fury.

Sincerely yours.

Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat Ambassador